

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed November 20, 2009 considered and rejected claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12, 15, 17-18, 20-32, 53 and 55. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12, 15, 17-18, 20-32, 53 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

By this amendments claims 1, 12, 53, and 55 are amended and claims 33-52 and 54 is cancelled.

Claims 1 and 53 are amended to recite "the distributed application component and each of the one or more other distributed application components having application measurable aspects," in the preamble. Applicants submit that earlier portions of the preambles now provide sufficient antecedent basis for this recitation. Applicants submit that this amendment overcomes the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection in paragraph 2I of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 53 are amended to recite "...the communication requesting access to a resource under the control of another distributed application component, selected from among the one or more other distributed application components, at the other computer system," in the first limitations. Applicants submit that this expressly defines that "another distributed application component" is included in the "one or more other distributed application components". Applicants submit that this amendment overcomes the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection in paragraph 2III of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 55 is amended to recite "conduct application authentication with other distributed application components of the distributed application at other computer systems after the other computer systems have been authenticated using machine authentication so that the computer system can verify the identity of the other distributed application components," in the fifth limitation. Applicants submit that the amendments provide sufficient antecedent basis for this recitation. Applicants submit that this amendment overcomes the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection in paragraph 2II of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 12 is amended to depend from claim 1. Claim 53 is renumbered as claim 55. Applicants submit that these amendments overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejections in paragraph 2IV of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejections be withdrawn.

Applicants have corrected the claims to overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejections. Further, as indicated in paragraph 3 of the office action, no claims are rejected under prior. Accordingly, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the other rejections to the claims are now moot and do not, therefore, need to be addressed individually at this time. It will be appreciated, however, that this should not be construed as Applicant acquiescing to any of the purported teachings or assertions made in the last action regarding the cited art or the pending application, including any official notice. Instead, Applicant reserves the right to challenge any of the purported teachings or assertions made in the last action at any appropriate time in the future, should the need arise. Furthermore, to the extent that the Examiner has relied on any Official Notice, explicitly or implicitly, Applicant specifically requests that the Examiner provide references supporting the teachings officially noticed, as well as the required reason why one of ordinary skill in the art would have modified the cited references in the manner officially noticed.¹

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (801) 533-9800.

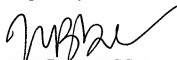
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any of the following fees that may be applicable to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-3178: (1) any filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16; and/or (2) any patent application and reexamination processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17; and/or (3) any post issuance fees under 37 CFR § 1.20. In addition, if any additional extension of time is required, which has not

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otherwise been requested, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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